



Arkansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative Parent Education Work Group

June 25, 2004

Parent Education Work Group - (10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., June 25, 2004)

Members Present:

M. Ashanti, I. Collier, D. Cox, C. Curry, E. Davis, B. Gilkey, S. Hernandez, C. Hickman, T. Johnston, R. Glenn, D. Lawson, N. Long., S. McLemore, L. Russell, L. Satterwhite, C. Thornton, D. Gangluff, D. Gonzales, M. Reeder.

Agenda Item # 1: Welcome

Discussion:

- Barbara Gilkey and Carolene Thornton opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and a brief review of the initiative.

Result:

- All members of the committee were introduced.

Agenda Item # 2: Getting Connected

Discussion:

- Carolene led the group in a discussion in what each member/agency is doing regarding parent education.
- The group then followed up with examples/ideas of the vision the initiative should strive toward.

Result:

The following suggestions were made by the work group:

- Development of integrated system for parent education/information.
- Dissemination of information.
- Development of a clearinghouse.
- Mandated funding.
- Universal definition of parent involvement.
- Buy-in from school administrators.
- Linkage and outreach efforts.
- Perception change - Parent involvement is not always about going into the school.
- Website, list serve, connect synapses.

<p>(Agenda Item #2, cont.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special needs children and parent support.• Tap into existing national models.• Affordable after school programs.• Educating on nutrition, obesity, breakfast and summer food programs.• An alliance among parent groups.• A push to reinforce positive images of parent education instead of reactive.• Parent centers at low-rent housing.• Parent-child development a requirement of high school.• Awareness of professionals in parent involvement.• Fatherhood initiatives.• Continuum of services and information for parents from early childhood > preschool > adolescence > teens.
<p>TASKS: The list of suggestions will be used to determine short and long term outcomes.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item # 3: Development of Long Term Outcomes</p>	
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Deborah Gangluff was introduced as facilitator for the afternoon. Dr. Gangluff reviewed a logic model.• Dr. Gangluff suggested beginning with the long term outcomes in developing the Parent Education Logic Model.	<p>Results:</p> <p>Based on the vision discussion, Dr. Gangluff was able to lead the group into developing the following long term outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved state-wide coordination of parenting education services.• Increased availability and access to a broad continuum of parenting education services.

<p>(Agenda Item #3, cont.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased awareness and utilization of parenting education services.• Improved perception of the value of parenting education.• Developing stable funding for parenting education.
<p>TASKS: Use the long term outcomes and the vision suggestions to develop short term outcomes.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item # 4: Development of Short Term Outcomes</p>	
<p>Discussion: Based on the long term outcomes and the vision suggestions, the group was able to begin to develop short term outcomes. More short term outcomes may be added at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Result:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop an alliance of parenting education providers, public and private.• Establish the involvement of a government interagency coordinating council to address statewide parenting education issues (to include Department of Health, Governor's office, Legislators, DHS agencies, Dept. of Education, Juvenile Justice, etc.)• Develop separate clearinghouses to address needs of a) parents and b) professionals, concerning parenting education resources, services, providers, technical assistance, and trainings.• Define parenting education• Determine current availability of parenting education programs and services

(Agenda Item #4, cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More support from school administrators and other professionals• Marketing - The public values parenting education.
TASKS: Each member before the next meeting will review the long and short term outcomes for developing activities and goals for each.	
Agenda Item # 5 Wrap-up and Adjourn	
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluations were completed at the end of the meeting.• The next meeting will be August 31st. <p>There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Result:</p> <p>Minutes will be available online on the Division of Childcare and Early Childhood Education website: http://www.state.ar.us/childcare/aeccs.html</p>
TASKS: The work group should visit the website for more updates.	